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TEXAS EDITION
Now that we
have “fallen”
back, Fall is
officially here!

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THANK YOU VETERANS

We salute you!!



We dedicate this issue to the Veterans who have served in the Texas Legislature and state-wide elected office.

In 1919 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first observance of “Armistice Day”, the day WW I ended. Germany was the last of the Central Powers to sue for peace and it went into effect at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918; the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.”

Here is his proclamation that day:

ADDRESS TO FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN

The White House, November 11, 1919.

A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and juster set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations.

WOODROW WILSON

This day became Veterans Day by an act of Congress signed into law by President Eisenhower in May 1954. Interestingly the day is considered to be attributive, (no apostrophe) rather than possessive (Veteran's Day) because the day belongs to all veterans.

When Wilson signed his proclamation in 1919 symptoms of what we now call PTSD, post-traumatic stress syndrome, was called shell shock. Studies show that the symptoms have existed forever regardless of what psychologists call it; the effect of battle conditions on human beings.

Today our country has approximately 19 million veterans with about 300,000 still living seventy five years after WW II. PTSD and related issues such as homeless veterans must be among our highest priorities as a country.

We are the home of the free because of the brave.

A Special Marine Corps birthday and Veterans Day **Message from Bob Parsons.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WOrGsJW3xo&t=968s>

WE DON'T KNOW THEM ALL, BUT WE OWE THEM ALL

The Texas State Senate has put together an incredible collection of Senate military veterans. Congratulations on this awesome historical record. See the 42 page pdf document below.

https://lrl.texas.gov/scanned/sirsi/L1803.5_SE55H_2017.pdf



Tomb of the Unknowns Welcomes the Public for the First Time in 73 Years

Since 1948, military guards have kept tourists away from the memorial. For two days, they will be allowed to get close and place flowers at the tomb.

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The Hobby Family

American and Texas Patriots

We are also paying homage in this issue of The Capitol Post to the Hobby family and the nations veterans, like Bill Hobby and other members of the family who served before him. Many of us served with Lt. Gov. Hobby and maintain the greatest respect for him and the legacy of his family. Lt.Gov. Hobby's son, Paul, also served in a variety of capacities including Chief of Staff to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock. It's hard to imagine a family having more influence over a state than the Hobby's, going back over one hundred and sixty years. We also take this opportunity to welcome Lt. Gov. Hobby to our Capitol Group.

- Mike Millsap
Editor



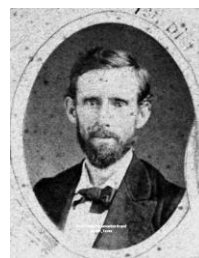
William P. Hobby, Jr.
Lt. Gov. 1973-1990



William P. Hobby
Lt.Gov. 1915-1917
Gov. 1917-1921



Oveta Culp Hobby,
Dir. Women's Army Corps;
1st Sec. U.S. Dept. HEW

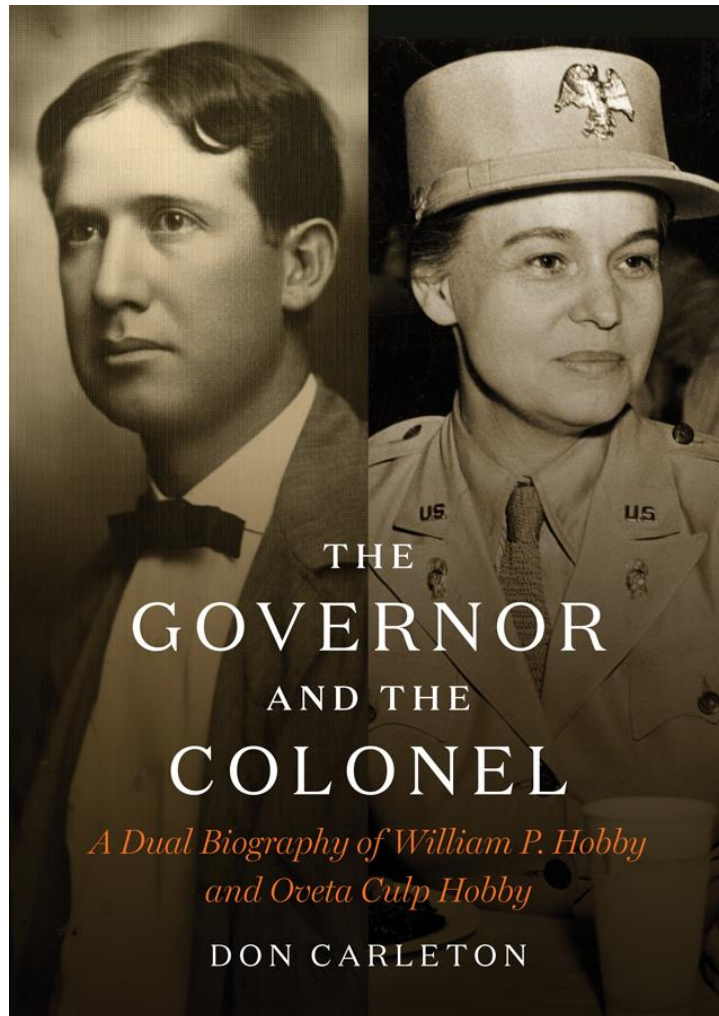


Edwin E. Hobby
Senate 1874-1879

Alfred Marmaduke Hobby(No Picture available)

Texas House of Representatives, 1861- resigned

in 1862 to join the Confederate Army



[TEXAS: BIOGRAPHY AND MEMOIR](#)

The Governor and the Colonel

A Dual Biography of William P. Hobby and Oveta Culp Hobby

By Don Carleton

This dual biography chronicles the lives of Will and Oveta Hobby; their impact on local, state, and national events; and how their marriage and media empire helped shape twentieth-century journalistic and political history.

Series: [Tower Books Imprint](#)

Briscoe Center for American History
December 2020
Available

Texas History: The Hobby team that led Houston, Texas and America

Michael Barnes

Austin American-Statesman

Oct. 12, 2021



Will Hobby and Oveta Culp Hobby with U.S. Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers after Oveta was sworn in as the Director of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, the predecessor to the Women's Army Corps in 1942.

their life stories.

I even read some of the endnotes, those breadcrumbs that nonfiction authors scatter near the end of their books.

All told, Don Carleton's magnum opus, "The Governor and the Colonel: A Dual Biography of William P. Hobby and Oveta Culp Hobby," weighs in at more than 900 pages.

Yet it reads like a good novel and it unearths more history about Southeast Texas, especially Houston, than I've read in years. (Hobby was governor from 1917-1924)

It makes an excellent shelf mate to another weighty but worthwhile — if fussier — dual biography set in that same dynamic city, William Middleton's 2018 "Double Vision: The Unerring Eye of Art World Avatars Dominique and John de Menil."

In both cases, the wives outlived their husbands.

It can be argued that both Dominique de Menil and Oveta Culp Hobby left more distinct legacies than their spouses, Hobby as a leader of national consequence and often the only woman "in the room" alongside power brokers in Texas and Washington, D.C.

She organized and ran the Women's Army Corps, which performed key roles for the U.S. military during World War II, and later became only the second woman to serve in the White House cabinet. Herself from a political family, she remained personally close to the Roosevelts, Eisenhowers and Johnsons.

Biographer Carleton, director of the Briscoe Center for American History at the University of Texas, has worn many hats over the past decades in Austin, as historian, writer, museum founder and steward of astonishing archival and material holdings, especially about Texas, the American South, civil rights, news media, photography and politics.

I interviewed Carleton about his triumphantly researched and written book. What follows are lightly edited excerpts from that interview.

Continued:

<https://www.statesman.com/story/news/history/2021/10/12/texas-history-inside-power-couple-gov-hobby-and-his-wife-new-book/5982724001/>

FORMER MEMBERS RECOVERING

JIM NOWLIN

Judge Nowlin indicates that he is “progressing.” Approaching his one year anniversary-.

MARK STILES

Mark says that he is “doing well. Getting around well.” He appreciates us checking on him.

BARRY TELFORD

No update on Barry although one of our members has reached out to Marsha Telford. If any of you have info please let us know. Barry, since you’re on the list, if you can, send us an update.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming the former Lt. Gov., former legislators and Senate Secretary.
<https://lrl.texas.gov/legeLeaders/members/lrlhome.cfm>

William P. Hobby, Jr. – Lt. Gov. 1972-1990

James McReynolds – House of Representatives - 1997-2011 - Lufkin

Nolan J.“Buzz” Robnett -House of Representatives 1979-1993 - Lubbock

Patsy Spaw - The Senate Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Linda Heflin

Wife of former State Rep. Joe Heflin of Crosbytown.

We are saddened to learn of Linda’s passing and extend our profound sympathy to Joe and the family. We hope that your Precious Memories of your time together will help you during this time of bereavement.

<https://www.adamsfuneral.com/obituary/linda-heflin>



Linda Heflin

JOHN PIKE POWERS

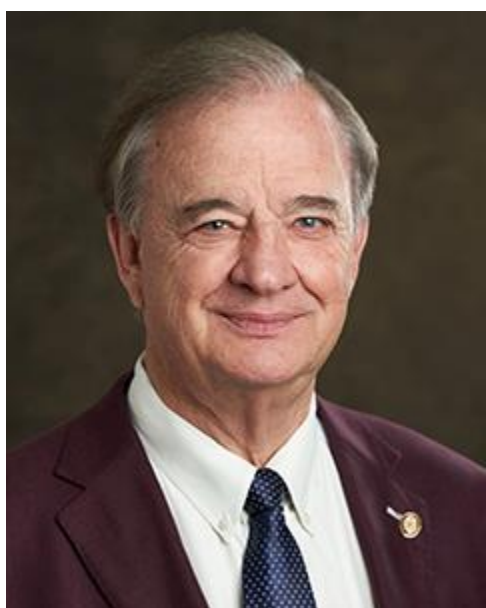


Our former colleague from Beaumont has passed away. He was a great guy to work with. Our profound sympathy to the family on the loss.

NO PUBLIC SERVICES ARE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.

http://herald-zeitung.com/community_alert/article_c715d470-bb58-11e6-84b3-7f56986354f4.html
<https://amp.statesman.com/amp/8116876002>

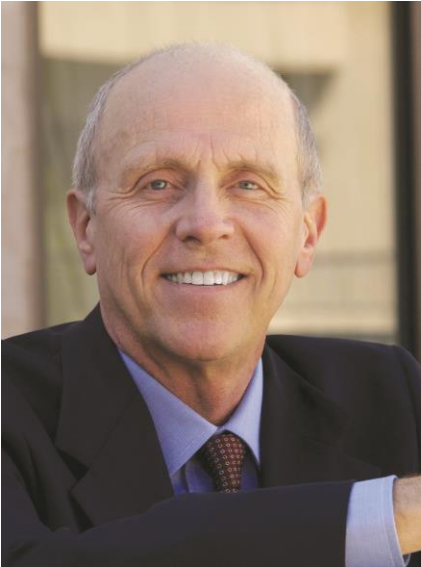
CHANCELLOR JOHN SHARP



One on One – John Sharp interviewed by former Sen. Kirk Watson

To view the interview, click here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eT6xOMALGDs>

FORMER CHANCELLOR KENT HANCE



In case you haven’t seen it yet, Kent’s Podcast, The Best Storyteller in Texas, is, Simply, the Best!!!

<https://fb.watch/92T4XJHuAm/>

The Headliner’s

ROBERT EARLEY TO RETIRE FROM JOHN PETER SMITH

Fort Worth Star-Telegram - November 2, 2021
President of JPS hospital system in Fort Worth to retire

In hopes of spending more time with family and taking care of his parents, President and CEO of the JPS Health Network Robert Earley announced Tuesday that he will retire from his position in March 2022. “About nine months ago, my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. The very next day, my mom fell down and broke her hip,” Earley said in a video message to employees of the JPS hospital network. “I now need to give 100 percent to my parents. I want to be the son to them, as they were the parents to me.”

Earley led the Tarrant County healthcare network for 13 years, including its Level I Trauma Center and Psychiatric Emergency Center, which has expanded to offer behavioral health, telehealth, mobile street medicine and different programs and fellowships for incoming health professionals, according to a news release. Dorothy DuBose, the incoming board president, said Earley’s retirement brings sadness to the organization’s heart, but they support the decision. “JPS has had a wonderful experience under his leadership, and we will miss our treasure,” Dubose said in the release. The Board of Managers has not yet released when they will begin looking for the healthcare network’s next president and CEO.

SEN. EDDIE LUCIO, JR. ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT



End of a Career: Sen. Lucio to retire after three decades | MyRGV.com
Nov. 4, 2021

<https://myrgv.com/local-news/2021/11/04/end-of-a-career-sen-lucio-to-retire-after-three-decades/>

HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!